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COUNCIL OF STATES

The following Bill was introduced in the Council of States on the 7th December, 1953:—

BILL No. XXVIII OF 1953

A Bill to extend certain laws to the areas which, prior to the commencement of the Constitution, were administered as excluded or partially excluded areas and which, on such commencement, were absorbed in certain States.

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. Short title.—This Act may be called the Absorbed Areas (Laws) Act, 1953.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “absorbing State”, in relation to an absorbed area means a State specified in the heading of the Schedule in which that absorbed area is specified ;

(b) “absorbed area” means an area specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

3. Extension of laws.—The Acts specified in column 1 of each of the Schedules and all rules, notifications, orders, schemes, forms and bye-laws made thereunder, as in force in the absorbing State specified in the heading of that Schedule, are hereby extended to, and shall be in force in, the absorbed areas specified in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULES

(See sections 2 and 3)

SCHEDULE I

BIHAR

<i>Name of the Act</i>	<i>The absorbed areas</i>
I	2
The Requisitioned Land (Apportionment of Compensation) Act, 1949 (LI of 1949)	1. Hazaribagh and Manbhum Districts 2. Sadar Sub Division of the Palamau District. 3. Dhalbhum Sub Division of the Singhbhum District. 4. Godda and Deoghar Sub Divisions of the Santal Parganas District.

SCHEDULE II

BOMBAY

<i>Name of the Act</i>	<i>The absorbed areas</i>
I	2
Indian Extradition Act, 1903 (XV of 1903).	1. Shahda, Nandurbar and Taloba Talukas of the West Khandesh District.
2. The Whipping Act, 1909 (IV of 1909)	2. The Dahad Taluka and the Jhalod Mahal of the Panch Mahal District.
3. The Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act, 1922 (XXII of 1922).	
4. The Cotton Transport Act, 1923 (III of 1923).	
5. The Port Haj Committee Act, 1932 (XX of 1932).	
6. The Seaward Artillery Practice Act, 1949 (VIII of 1949).	

SCHEDULE III

ORISSA

<i>Name of the Act</i>	<i>The absorbed area</i>
I	2
1. The Metal Tokens Act, 1889 (I of 1889).	Angul.
2. The White Phosphorus Matches Prohibition Act, 1913 (V of 1913).	
3. The Indian Emigration Act, 1922 (VII of 1922).	
4. The Coal Grading Board Act, 1925 (XXXI of 1925).	
5. The Coal Mines Provident Fund and Bonus Schemes Act, 1948 (XLVI of 1948).	

SCHEDULE IV

UTTAR PRADESH

<i>Name of the Act</i>	<i>The absorbed areas</i>
1	2
1. The Indian Power Alcohol Act, 1948 (XXII of 1948).	Jaunsar Bawar Parganas in the Dehra Dun District and the areas of South of Kaimpur range in the Mirzapur District.
2. The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 (XXXIV of 1948).	

SCHEDULE V

WEST BENGAL

<i>Name of the Act</i>	<i>The absorbed area</i>
1	2
1. The Requisitioned Land (Apportionment of Compensation) Act, 1949 (LI of 1949).	Darjeeling.
2. The West Bengal Raw Jute Futures Act, 1948 (West Bengal Act No. XXV of 1948).	

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the States of Bihar, Bombay, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, there are certain areas which were known as excluded or partially excluded areas before the commencement of the Constitution and which after such commencement have been amalgamated with the regular districts of the States. Under section 92 of the Government of India Act, 1935, no Central or Provincial enactment could apply to these areas unless the Governor by notification so directed. Accordingly a number of Central laws did not operate in these areas. As they have been merged in the regularly administered areas of the State concerned, it is considered necessary that all Central laws should operate therein uniformly. The Bill seeks to achieve this purpose.

NEW DELHI ;

The 11th November, 1953.

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Secretary.

